

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2157**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2161**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 199, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H2161–62**

Congressional Budget Resolution FY 2016: Pursuant to H. Res. 189, S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, was taken from the Speaker's Table; the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Con. Res. 27, as agreed to in the House, was considered as agreed to; and S. Con. Res. 11, as amended, was agreed to. The House insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the Senate thereon.

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Rejected the Van Hollen motion to instruct conferees on the concurrent resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 153.

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Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the concurrent resolution: Representatives Price (GA), Rokita, Diaz-Balart, Black, Moolenaar, Van Hollen, Yarmuth, and Moore. **Page H2198**

H. Res. 189, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 650, H.R. 685, and the adoption of S. Con. Res. 11, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 149, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 148. **Pages H2165–71**

Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 650, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, by a ye-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 151. **Pages H2178–88, H2194–97**

Rejected the Waters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 150.

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Mortgage Choice Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 685, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, by a ye-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 152. **Pages H2188–94, H2197**

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the proposed rescission of Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–26).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2169–70, H2170–71, H2196, H2196–97, H2197, and H2198. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REAUTHORIZING THE CFTC: COMMISSIONERS' PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit held a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the CFTC: Commissioners' Perspectives". Testimony was heard from Sharon Y. Bowen, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; J. Christopher Giancarlo, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Mark P. Wetjen, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

A PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled "A Presentation by National 4-H Conference Participants Concerning the Future of Agriculture in the United States". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—EARLY EDUCATION PANEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a

hearing on Early Education Panel budget. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program budget. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Douglas J. Robb, Director, Defense Health Agency; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General, United States Army; Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General, United States Navy; Lieutenant General Thomas W. Travis, Surgeon General, United States Air Force.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chabot and Representatives Blackburn, Wagner, Hardy, Young of Alaska, Rothfus, Bost, Fitzpatrick, Curbelo of Florida, Lawrence, Ross, Blumenauer, Gohmert, Ellmers, and Hurd of Texas.

UPDATE ON THE F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER (JSF) PROGRAM AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office; Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Michael Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Issues, Governmental Accountability Office; and Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

FIVE YEARS OF BROKEN PROMISES: HOW THE PRESIDENT’S HEALTH CARE LAW IS AFFECTING AMERICA’S WORKPLACES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Five Years of Broken Promises: How the President’s Health Care Law is Affecting America’s Workplaces”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA’S PROPOSED 111(d) RULE FOR EXISTING POWER PLANTS, AND H.R. _____, RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Proposed 111(d) Rule for Existing Power Plants, and

H.R. _____, Ratepayer Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Melissa A. Hoffer, Chief, Energy and Environment Bureau, Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

H.R. _____, THE TSCA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “H.R. _____, the TSCA Modernization Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015”; H.R. 906, to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; and the “Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015”.

THE CRUDE OIL EXPORT BAN: HELPFUL OR HURTFUL?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Crude Oil Export Ban: Helpful or Hurtful?”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McCaul, Representative Barton, and public witnesses.

YEMEN UNDER ATTACK BY IRANIAN-BACKED HOUTHIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Yemen Under Attack by Iranian-Backed Houthis”. Testimony was heard from Gerald M. Feierstein, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1731, the “National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Sarah R. Saldaña, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 9, the “Innovation Act”. Testimony was heard from Michelle Lee, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 329, the “Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015”; H.R. 521, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; and H.R. 812, the “Indian Trust Asset Reform Act”. Testimony was heard from Nisha Patel, Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Vincent Logan, Special Trustee, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED FEDERAL WATER GRABS AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON STATES, WATER AND POWER USERS, AND LANDOWNERS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans held a hearing entitled “Proposed Federal Water Grabs and Their Potential Impacts on States, Water and Power Users, and Landowners”. Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, Forest Service; Timothy Mauck, Commissioner, District 1, Clear Creek County, Colorado; and public witnesses.

DOJ IG: HANDLING OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “DOJ IG: Handling of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Allegations”. Testimony was heard from Michael Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Kevin Perkins, Associate Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Michele Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration.

GAO’S DUPLICATION REPORT AT FIVE YEARS: RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN UNADDRESSED

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “GAO’s Duplication Report at Five Years: Recommendations Remain Unaddressed”. Testimony was heard from Gene

L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX DEDUCTION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015; DEATH TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2015; BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARDS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 622, the “State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act of 2015”; H.R. 1105, the “Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1195, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a closed rule for H.R. 622. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 1105. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Lastly, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 1195. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments

printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling, Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, and Representatives Heck of Washington and Levin.

OVERSIGHT OF THE ONGOING RAIL, PIPELINE, AND HAZMAT RULEMAKINGS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Ongoing Rail, Pipeline, and Hazmat Rulemakings”. Testimony was heard from Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Timothy P. Butters, Acting Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and Christopher A. Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 675, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 732, the “Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act”; H.R. 800, the “Express Appeals Act”; H.R. 1067, the “U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Reform Act”; H.R. 1331, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015”; H.R. 1379, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Board of Veterans’ Appeals to develop evidence in appeal cases, and for other purposes; H.R. 1414, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 1569, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1607, the “Ruth Moore Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Representative Pingree of Maine; David R. McLenachen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS; INDIVIDUAL AND EMPLOYER MANDATES AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES IN THE PRESIDENT’S HEALTH CARE LAW

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing on the individual and employer mandates and associated penalties in the President’s health care law. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency held a hearing on Central Intelligence Agency budget. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the national intelligence and military intelligence programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for military construction and military family housing for select combatant commanders and select defense agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine funding the Department of Homeland Security role in cybersecurity, focusing on protection to partnership, 2 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy’s current and projected capabilities to meet those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the National Nuclear Security Administration plans and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD–406.